

REMARKS

For the convenience of the Examiner set forth below is a recapitulation of the current status of the Claims in the present Application.

CLAIM	STATUS	DEPENDENCY
1	Currently amended	Independent
2	Original	1
3	Original	2
4	Currently amended	3
5	Original	1
6	Original	1

Comments of Examiner Paul R. DURAND have been reviewed carefully along with pertinent sections of the Patent Act, Patent Rules, the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, legal treatises and relevant decisional law. In accordance with Examiner DURAND's requirements, favorable reconsideration of the Application, as amended, is solicited earnestly.

The Examiner has stated Claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112 set forth in the above Office Action.

Claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's comments.

Claim 4 has been amended to correct the claim language.

Claims 2 - 6 depend from Claim 1 and are believed to be patentable in view of this dependency. No new matter has been added.

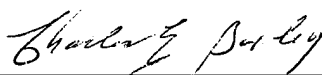
The status of the Claims is as follows:

- Claims 1 and 4 are currently amended.
- Claims 2 - 3 and 5 - 6 are original.

In view of the foregoing amendments, submissions and explanations, it is believed that Claims 1 - 6, as amended, are in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance on the Application will be appreciated.

Courtesy, cooperation and skill of Examiner Paul R DURAND are appreciated and acknowledged.

Respectfully,

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